

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract, as filed, with the following amended Abstract:

An image-forming system, for example for a camcorder or digital still camera, ~~comprises~~ includes an object (1), such as a display, a multi-element magnifying optical path (8) and focal length varying means ~~device~~ for addition, adjustment or removal of one or more elements (9) in the optical path in order to vary the distance between a viewer's eye and the system, at which distance, the magnified object can be viewed.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 25, to page 2, line 5, of the present application, as filed, with the following amended paragraph:

Desirable characteristics of the EVF include:

- (1) The image of the display is of sufficient size and distance that the user can view it comfortably, with minimum eye strain;
- (2) The display has a resolution that is high enough to provide images of video or picture quality and is without any pixelation, which may be to the detriment of the video or picture;
- (3) The display is bright enough to be viewed through a viewfinder eyepiece with little or no extraneous light.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 11-22, of the present application, as filed, with the following amended paragraph:

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described in more detail, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

~~Figure 1~~ Figure 1 is a generalized sectional view of a magnification system according to the invention;

Figure 2 is a generalized schematic view of the system of Figure 1, configured as an "arm's length" viewer; and

Figure 3 is a generalized schematic view of the system of Figure 1, configured as a "near-to-eye" viewer.